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For: EYESAFE Q-SWITCHED LASER

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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Examiner:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. sec. 111

Applicant has not yet received an office action. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT

Please add the following claims to the application:

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18. A high-energy, eye-safe Q-switched laser comprising:
a Resonant Pumped Erbium laser with dilute concentrations of unsensitized Erbium wherein the unsensitized Erbium concentration is below about 2%.
19. The laser of claim 18 wherein the Resonant Pumped Erbium laser is in band to image intensifier devices.
20. The laser of claim 18 further comprising an Erbium:Yttrium Lithium Fluoride oscillator pumped by the Erbium laser.
21. The laser of claim 18 further comprising an energy/pulse between approximately 250 and 300mJ.
22. The laser of claim 18 further comprising a plurality of diodes pumping approximately 30 to 60W at about 1.5 microns wavelength, for approximately 10 ms.
23. The laser of claim 18 wherein the first excited state of Erbium is pumped at approximately 1.5 microns.

CONCLUSION

The applicant requests the Examiner admit and consider the claims added by amendment. The fees associated with this amendment, if any are due, are included herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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